



**Summary Notes
Delta Protection Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 5, 2013**

Walnut Grove Public Library
14177 Market Street
Walnut Grove, California 95690

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order & Welcome

In the absence of a Chairman, DPC Executive Director Erik Vink called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm and introduced DPC Staff Raymond Costantino and Bree Kaminskas. Mr. Vink requested that all parties introduce themselves and give their Delta affiliations. Members of the DPAC present were Melinda Terry (North Delta Water Agency), Gilbert LaBrie (Sacramento County Delta Citizen's Advisory Committee), Leo Winternitz (The Nature Conservancy), Dave Forkel (Delta Wetlands) and Linda Bendsen (Recreational Boaters of California). Representing absent DPAC members were alternates Scott Hudson (San Joaquin County Ag Commissioner), Greg Zlotnick (San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority) and Aaron Will (Ducks Unlimited).

2. Discussion and Review of the DPAC Charter

Concerns were raised regarding changes needed to the Charter to facilitate the work of DPAC. Melinda Terry requested that the Charter be revised to update terms, membership categories and appointing alternates. Leo Winternitz suggested a subcommittee to revise the charter; Melinda Terry, Leo Winternitz, and Gilbert LaBrie volunteered to serve as a subcommittee and report back revisions to the charter at the next DPAC meeting, with a goal of seeking DPC approval of a revised DPAC charter at the January 2014 DPC Meeting.

3. Election of DPCA Chair and Vice Chair

Gilbert LaBrie recommended deferring the vote until a new Charter was adopted, and additional members are appointed. Other members of the DPAC agreed.

4. Delta Flood Issues (National Flood Insurance Program; Central Valley Flood Protection Plan regional planning)

Melinda Terry gave an overview of the current National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) issues, including the scale of the premium increases when only factoring in flood elevations and disregarding the existence of any non-compliant levees. Both DPAC members and members of the public in attendance engaged in a robust conversation on the issue. Greg Zlotnick (with concurrence from other members) suggested a Task Force be formed by the Commission to research and address the issue. This Task Force would provide recommendations to the Commission on how to “avoid the train wreck,” to help mediate the situation, and for DPC to develop an official position on the issue. Erik Vink mentioned that Congressman Garamendi and Congresswoman Matsui are co-sponsoring legislation to postpone rate increases for four years.

5. California Water Plan

The California Water Plan regional report for the Delta has been drafted and comments are due in early December. Melinda Terry is commenting to the Delta Conservancy (which drafted the regional report) and will share her letter at the next DPAC Meeting.

6. BDCP (Unavoidable Impacts affecting “Delta as Place”)

Erik Vink stated that DPC staff intends to use the Land Use and Resource Management Plan and Economic Sustainability Plan as a filter to review the BDCP environmental documents.

Mark Wilson suggested that groups/people reviewing the BDCP share their findings and comments with the DPC. Linda Bendsen stated that Recreational Boaters of CA provided a comment letter on impacts to the recreation economy. Many participants shared frustration that BDCP has not responded to their comments and that many issues are not being adequately addressed in the EIS/EIR, such as dewatering along the tunnel alignment and “Delta as Place” issues. Participants also suggested a working group be established to develop comments, and that DPC hold public meetings at different Delta locations to collect public input.

DPAC members asked for an updated tunnel alignment map and requested DPC assistance in obtaining it.

7. Communicating with Delta Residents

Erik Vink explained the DPC flood preparedness week mailing to Delta residents; DPAC members engaged in a brief discussion of effective ways to communicate with Delta residents.

8. Activities of the Delta Protection Commission

Erik Vink gave a brief overview of recent activities of the DPC.

9. Public Comment

Public Comments were openly heard throughout the meeting.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 pm.

Additional Attendees:

Jenny Skrel- Ironhouse Sanitary District
Rogene Reynolds- South Delta landowner
Galen Kusic- River News Herald
Barbara Daly- North Delta resident
Mike Guzzardo- DBYC/STCDA
Jules Guzzardo- DBYC/STCDA
Dennis Leary
Cathy Hallinman- Dept. of Water Resources
Michelle Morrow- Dept. of Water Resources
Gilbert Cosio- MBK Engineers
John Webber- RD 999
Debbie Elliot- Lyon Realty
Nicky Suard- Snug Harbor
Richard Denton- Contra Costa County
Ryan Hernandez- Contra Costa County Water Agency
Don Thomas- Sacramento County Dept. of Water Resources
Terry Dermody- San Joaquin County
Topper van Loben Sels- Delta Protection Commission
Mark Pruner- North Delta Cares
Mark Wilson- North Delta landowner